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Jill Davis, Superintendent-Director
Greater Lowell Technical High School
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Dear Superintendent-Director Davis:

In March 2020, Greater Lowell Technical High School District applied for two new secondary-level Chapter 74 Partnership Program designations at Greater Lowell Technical High School. The Chapter 74 Partnership Program approval process requires that programs meet Massachusetts General Law Chapter 74 and the criteria in the Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.00, which include demonstration of the labor market and student demand for the program. Applications must also demonstrate consultation with nearby school districts offering the same Chapter 74 program. The application process ensures that Chapter 74 programs meet legal standards, address the needs of the area the school district serves, and increases student access to high quality programs.

I am writing to inform you that Commissioner Jeffrey Riley has granted Chapter 74 Partnership Program approval to Greater Lowell Technical High School District for the new secondary-level Chapter 74 Partnership Program—with partner district Lowell Public Schools—for two programs (listed below). When reporting student enrollments to the Department for October 2020 in the Student Information Management System (SIMS), the Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) code and State title should be used.

The approved programs, CIP codes, and State titles are as follows:

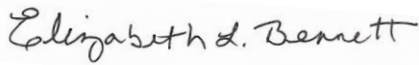
- 1) Advanced Manufacturing, CIP 480501, with State title Machine Tool Technology (VMACH)
- 2) Information Technology – Programming and Web Design, CIP 110201, with State title Programming & Web Development (VPROG)

The Department recognizes the pioneering spirit of these initial rounds of Chapter 74 Partnership Program applications. As such, we ask that you work with guidance from your district liaison, Marnie Jain, to address any programmatic concerns (MOU, counseling, admissions, etc.) the Department identifies as we clarify the direction of such partnerships through these initial rounds of implementation. Future approval of this Chapter 74 Partnership Program may be contingent upon such factors.

The Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.03 (4) require that approved vocational technical education programs “be based on the applicable Vocational Technical Education Framework and the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.” The frameworks for CVTE programs may be found [here](#). The Vocational Technical Education Regulations 603 CMR 4.04 (4) require that substantial changes in approved programs be submitted to the Department in writing for review and approval prior to implementation.

If you require technical assistance, please feel free to contact the liaison for your district, Marnie Jain, at Marnie.A.Jain@mass.gov or 781-338-3908.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth D. Bennett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Elizabeth Bennett
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